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Shinichi ITO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2823
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For: FILM FORMATION METHOD,)	Confirmation No.: 9090
SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT)	
AND METHOD THEREOF, AND)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
A DISK-SHAPED STORAGE)	
MEDIUM)	

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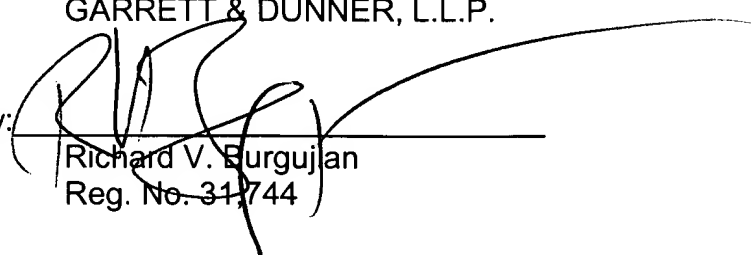
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Respectfully submitted,

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